



4-H HAPPENINGS

Round Valley Riders

The Round Valley Riders 4-H Horse Club has just had a very busy month.

Every Wednesday members have their study for the State Horse Bowl Competition. They sold refreshments at the 4-H Holiday Workshop at the Rutgers Extension Center and the following day they had their annual holiday party, where they celebrated their achievements for the year.

After the party, club members rode in a horse-drawn wagon in the Flemington Holiday Parade. The wagon was provided by Hunterdon Coach and Wagon.

Just before the parade the club sold cookies and cider on the steps of the Union Hotel to fund raise for a trip to a dude ranch we hope to take in the spring.

Meetings are held the third Tuesday of every month at the extension center. The club is open to boys and girls ages 9 to 19 who want to learn more about horses.

Call (908) 788-1340 for more information.

4-H State Winners Invade Atlanta Conference

Ten state winners represented Delaware at the Annual National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Ga.

According to Joy Sparks, extension agent and 4-H coordinator at the University of Delaware, the trip is awarded each year to outstanding 4-H'ers in recognition of their accomplishments, leadership abilities, and community service.

More than 1,300 14- to 19-year-olds, representing 48 states, attended the 1999 conference, which included educational seminars, multicultural events, and service projects. The theme was "Make the Difference"

The Kent County 4-H state winners were Meredith Brown and Sherri Hobbs.

Brown, a 17-year-old member of the Dover Clovers 4-H Club, has been in 4-H for nine years. She completed projects in foods and nutrition, health and safety, rabbits and hand pets, and citizenship, earning ribbons at 4-H, state and county fairs. The youngest CPR instructor in Delaware, Brown teaches an average of six classes each year. She has served as president and treasurer of her local 4-H and treasurer of the county Junior Council, in addition to being a camp counselor for the past six years. A senior at Dover High School, Brown is the daughter of Richard and Mary Brown of Dover. She hopes to pursue a career in psychology or sociology.

Sixteen-year-old Hobbs has been a member of the Woodside Emeralds 4-H Club for eight years. Her projects have included sheep, performing arts, camp counseling, leadership and community service. She has participated in state and county fairs and in talent shows and parades as a singer, dancer and member of the color guard. Hobbs has been a 4-H camp counselor since 1993 and has contributed many hours of service to the communi-

ty. Following graduation from Caesar Rodney High School, she would like to become a nurse anesthetist. Her parents are Tammy and Herbert Hobbs of Wyoming.

New Castle County winners were twin brothers Jarrad Van Stan and John Van Stan of Newark, the sons of Toland and Joyce Van Stan.

In eight years as a member of the Fantastics 4-H Club, Jarrad Van Stan completed projects in photography, veterinary science, woodworking, entomology, conservation, rabbits, citizenship and leadership. Van Stan's photography projects focused on learning new techniques including various uses for filters. He received various awards for his projects at state and county levels and was recognized with the President's Youth Service Award in 1993-1995. A 16-year-old junior at St. Mark's High School in Wilmington, he volunteers his time with senior citizens and children and has held leadership positions with 4-H and other groups. He plans a career in speech and music therapy or speech pathology.

During eight years with the Fantastics 4-H Club, John Van Stan, 16, completed projects in small animals, photography, veterinary science, entomology, woodworking, conservation and citizenship. He earned awards in all project areas and received the President's Youth Service Award for Community Service from 1993-95. Van Stan, also a junior at St. Mark's High School in Wilmington, participates in many community activities in addition to 4-H, including monitoring the Rehoboth Bay, a wetland and a stream. He would like to pursue a career in biology, genetics, or conservation.

Representing Sussex County at the conference were Garan Callaway, Alex Hense, Jimmy Hughes, Aaron Jackson, Jill Jones, and Benjamin Passwaters.

A member of the Seaford Blue Jays 4-H Club for seven years, Callaway, 16, raised Guiding Paw puppies and completed projects in clothing and textiles. She trained and cared for six puppies, taking responsibility for their nutrition and health care as well as learning all aspects of guide dog training. Her clothing projects were exhibited at state and county fairs in Delaware and New York. She has served as president of her 4-H Club and as a member of 4-H Junior Council. A junior at Seaford High School, she is the daughter of Gary and Susan Callaway of Seaford, and plans a career as a veterinarian.

Hense, a member of Hollymount 4-H Club, has completed projects in swine, conservation, computers, leadership and citizenship. A 15-year-old junior at Cape Henlopen High School, Hense has raised 13 pigs and hogs, he showed the grand champion hog at the Delaware State Fair in 1998. His computer skills include knowledge of scanners and digital cameras, and he had the winning conservation display at the State Fair, Farm and Home Field Day, and the conservation district's banquet.

He is the son of Gilbert and Roxane Hense of Lewes.

Hughes is an 18-year-old freshman at Ferrum College in Ferrum, Va. He has been a member of the Clover Knights 4-H Club for eight years and completed a variety of projects, including gardening, camp counselor, and photography. He has exhibited his vegetables and photographs at the Delaware State Fair for four years. The son of Bill and Karen Hughes of Georgetown, Hughes is majoring in agriculture.

Jackson, an eight-year member of the Seaford Blue Jays 4-H Club, has completed projects in dairy goats, woodworking, and horticulture. He used his woodworking skills in his dairy goat project, constructing milk stands, among other items, for the goats. Jackson has received several awards at state and county fairs for various projects, including champion and grand champion goats, milk stands, dried flowers and vegetables. A 17-year-old junior at Sussex Tech High School in Georgetown, he plans a career in horticulture and landscaping. He is the son of Bonnie and Oliver Kendall of Seaford.

Jones of Bridgeville is a nine-year veteran of the Greenwood Hi-Flyers 4-H Club. She has completed projects in computers, photography, citizenship, child care and leadership. Her photographs have been exhibited at 4-H, state, and county fairs. She has been a camp counselor and served in a number of leadership positions in 4-H and other organizations. The 17-year-old senior at Sussex Technical High School plans a career as a speech therapist or elementary school teacher. Jones is the daughter of Jerry and Joanne Jones.

Sixteen-year-old Passwaters of Bridgeville has completed projects in sheep, veterinary science, horticulture, leadership, and citizenship during his eight years with the Dublin Hill 4-H Club. His work in veterinary science complemented his work with sheep. His horticulture projects have included both vegetables and ornamental plants. In addition, Passwaters has participated in numerous activities dedicated to leadership and citizenship as a 4-H camp counselor, and as a volunteer at local nursing homes, his church, and other community organizations.

A junior at Woodbridge High School in Bridgeville, Passwaters is considering a career as a riverboat pilot or a sports commentator. He is the son of W. Coulter and Charlotte Passwaters.

Glenburn 4-H Sewing Club Taking New Members

The Glenburn 4-H Sewing Club is now taking registrations for youth to sign up for 4-H textile science projects. In 4-H, members learn basic clothing construction skills to complete a garment of their choice, according to their experience and interest. Leaders, Hilda Lewis and Ann Northup of RR 4 Dalton, except all levels of experience from beginners to advanced including tailoring and formalwear. Both boys and girls ages 10-19 years are encouraged to register by calling the Penn State Cooperative Extension office at 963-4761.

4-H is the youth educational program of Penn State University and Cooperative Extension. It helps boys and girls ages 8-19 to:

- acquire knowledge and life

skills

- develop attitudes and abilities to cooperate with others
- learn to accept and carry out responsibility
- develop self-confidence and communication skills
- appreciate the value and dignity of work.

Adult leaders share their knowledge and skills with youth in an informal setting. Members enroll in 4-H projects such as foods, animals, gardening, leadership, etc. Projects are a tool used in teaching youth responsibility, initiative, decision-making and other life skills.

To find out more about 4-H, call Penn State Cooperative Extension of Lackawanna County at 963-4761.

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4-H Summer

Program Assistant

Attention all interested men and women who have completed at least one year of college and who are interested in learning more about Penn State Cooperative Extension and the 4-H Youth Development Program.

Hands-on experience as a member of the Chester County 4-H team, working with Penn State Cooperative Extension, is available this summer. Experiences will be provided in the 4-H program, which includes family living, dairy, livestock, camp, and other Penn State programs.

Please send a letter of inquiry with a current resume by March 17 to Laurie Szoke, Chester County 4-H Coordinator, 601 Westtown Road, Suite 370, P.O. Box 2747, West Chester, PA 19380-0990.



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West Snyder FFA donations to the Ronald McDonald House, from left, Snyder County Commissioners Rick L. Bailey and Steven D. Bilger; FFA members Jennifer McWilliams, Heather Hollenbach, and Melissa McWilliams; and Pennsylvania Farm Bureau coordinator Theresa L. McCool.

West Snyder FFA Aids Ronald McDonald House

The West Snyder FFA Chapter collected more than 350 pounds of food and goods and presented a check for \$132 to the Snyder County Farm Bureau, which in turn made the donation to the Ronald McDonald House in Danville.

The project was conducted in cooperation with the Snyder County Farm Bureau and the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau National Food Checkout Day Program.

Feb. 9 served as National Food Checkout Day. Food Checkout Day was established

to emphasize the affordability of food in America.

Statistics show that between Jan. 1-Feb. 9, the average American family earns enough money to feed their family for the entire year.

The donation toward the Ronald McDonald House was selected by the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau. The Ronald McDonald House was selected because it serves as a "home away from home" for families of children who are critically ill.

The members of the West Snyder FFA Chapter hope the families who stay at a Ronald McDonald house are as comfortable and well fed as possible.

Clarification

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) — In a story in section B of the Feb. 19 issue of *Lancaster Farming*, a story supplied by Penn State provided incorrect information.

In the story about root crops, it was reported by Penn State that beets require high levels of boron. According to Pete Ferretti of the horticulture department at Penn State, "gardeners

should mix one-quarter (1/4) teaspoon of laundry borax powder into a gallon of water."

He noted, with all micronutrients, "apply exactly the amounts recommended and no more. If you only get a partial response, repeat the exact same amount after two weeks. If you still don't get enough response to the micronutrient, retest or seek professional advice before taking any other action."